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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An information distribution device which is connected with a plurality of terminal devices which belong to a group, and a content server storing distribution information via a network using an IP protocol, said information distribution device comprising:

a first storage portion ~~for~~ storing terminal information including an IP address of each terminal device belonging to said group;

a first receiving portion ~~for~~ receiving, from one terminal device belonging to said group, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator as access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing the distribution information stored in the content server, said distribution destination information specifying IP addresses of other terminal devices than the one terminal device which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed;

a second receiving portion ~~for~~ accessing said distribution information stored in the content server, based on said access information included in the distribution request received by said first receiving portion from the one terminal device, and ~~for~~ receiving the distribution information accessed;

a second storage portion ~~for~~ storing said distribution information accessed and received by said second receiving portion; and

a first transmitting portion ~~for~~ transmitting said distribution information stored in said second storage portion to said one terminal device and the specified other terminal devices.

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2. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, further comprising a third receiving portion for receiving a bill of charges from a device, said device billing for said distribution information charges when said distribution information is chargeable.

3. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 2, further comprising a second transmitting portion for transmitting said bill of charges received by said third receiving portion either to a terminal device which transmitted said distribution request or to a telecommunications carrier to which this terminal device subscribes.

4. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, further comprising a deleting portion for deleting said distribution information stored in said second storage portion after the distribution of said distribution information by said first transmitting portion.

5. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, further comprising a third transmitting portion for transmitting notification, to the terminal device which transmitted said distribution request, of the fact that distribution has been completed, after the distribution of said distribution information by said first transmitting portion.

6. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said distribution request further includes additional information added to said distribution information, and said first transmitting portion distributes said additional information in addition to said distribution information.

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7. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said distribution request further includes a distribution time for specifying a time for distributing said distribution information, and said first transmitting portion distributes said distribution information at said distribution time.

8. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said terminal device information stored in said first storage portion includes information for representing an information format displayable on a display portion of the terminal device, and

wherein said information distribution device further comprises a conversion/filtering portion for converting or filtering said distribution information to a format capable of being displayed on a display portion of said terminal device, based on said information for representing said displayable information format.

9. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said first receiving portion receives said distribution request from said terminal device via another server device.

10. (original) The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said distribution information is either a program including a game program, said program and a license for said program, map information, or product information.

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11. (currently amended) A terminal device belonging to a group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices, which are connected via a network using an IP protocol to an information distribution device connected via the network to a content server storing distribution information, the terminal device comprising:

a registration portion for registering, via said network, terminal information including an IP address of each terminal device belonging to said group in said information distribution device

a transmitting portion for transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator as access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing the distribution information stored in the content server, said distribution destination information specifying IP addresses of other terminal devices, which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed; and

a receiving portion for receiving from the information distribution device, the distribution information which is stored in the content server and which is accessed based on the access information and transmitted to the other terminal devices according to the distribution destination information from the information distribution device.

12. (original) The terminal device according to claim 11, wherein said distribution request further includes additional information added to said distribution information.

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13. (original) The terminal device according to claim 11, wherein said distribution request further includes a distribution time for specifying a time for distributing said distribution information.

14. (original) The terminal device according to claim 11, wherein said distribution information is either a program including a game program, said program and a license for said program, map information, or product information.

15. (currently amended) An information distribution system having a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group connected via a network using an IP protocol to an information distribution device and a content server storing distribution information via the network wherein said plurality of terminal devices comprise:

a registration portion ~~for~~ registering via said network, terminal information including an IP address of each terminal device belonging to said group in said information distribution device;

a transmitting portion ~~for~~ transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator as access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing the distribution information stored in the content server said distribution destination information specifying IP addresses of other terminal devices which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed; and

a receiving portion ~~for~~ receiving from the information distribution device, the distribution information which is stored in the content server and which is accessed based on the

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access information and transmitted to the other terminal devices according to the distribution destination information from the information distribution device,

and wherein said information distribution device comprises:

a first storage portion for storing terminal information registered by said registration portion of said terminal device,

a first receiving portion for receiving said distribution request transmitted by said transmitting portion;

a second receiving portion for accessing said distribution information stored in the content server, based on said access information included in said distribution request received by said first receiving portion, and for receiving said distribution information; and

a transmitting portion for transmitting said distribution information stored in said second storage portion to said terminal device.

16. (currently amended) An information distribution method, performed by a server device which is connected via a network using an IP protocol with a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group, and a content server which stores distribution information via the network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from one terminal device belonging to said group, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator as access information and the distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing the distribution information stored in the content server, said distribution destination information specifying other terminal devices than the one terminal device, which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed;

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accessing said distribution information stored in the content server, based on said access information included in said received distribution request, and receiving said distribution information accessed; and

transmitting said received distribution information to said ~~destination~~ one terminal device and the other terminal devices.

17. (currently amended) An information distribution method, performed by a terminal device which is connected to a network using an IP protocol, and which belongs to a group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices, which are connected via the network to an information distribution device connected to a content server via the network ~~storing distribution information~~, the method comprising the steps of:

registering, via said network, terminal information including an IP address of each terminal device belonging to said group, in said information distribution device;

transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator as access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing the distribution information stored in the content server, said distribution destination information specifying IP addresses of other terminal devices, which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed; and

receiving from the information distribution device, the distribution information which is stored in the content server and which is accessed based on the access information and transmitted to the other terminal devices according to the distribution destination information from the information distribution device.

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18. (currently amended) An information distribution method for an information distribution system having a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group connected via a network using an IP protocol to an information distribution device, and a content server storing distribution information connected via the network, the method comprising steps of:

said terminal device registering, via the network, in said information distribution device, terminal information including an IP address of each terminal device belonging to said group;

said terminal device transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator as access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing the distribution information stored in the content server, said distribution destination information specifying IP addresses of other terminal devices, which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed,

said terminal device receiving from the information distribution device, the distribution information which is stored in the content server and which is accessed based on the access information and transmitted to the other terminal devices according to the distribution destination information from the information distribution device

said information distribution device storing said terminal information registered by said terminal device;

said information distribution device receiving said distribution request transmitted from said terminal device;

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said information distribution device accessing said distribution information stored in the content server, based on said access information included in said received distribution request, and receiving said distribution information accessed; and

said information distribution device transmitting said received distribution information to said terminal device and the other terminal devices.

19. (currently amended) An information distribution program product, stored on a computer readable medium and executed by a computer connected via a network using an IP protocol with a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group, ~~said computer storing terminal information including an address of terminal devices belonging to said group,~~ comprising:

a receiving process for receiving, from one terminal device belonging to said group constituted by the plurality of terminal devices, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information stored in the computer, said distribution destination information specifying IP addresses of other terminal devices than the one terminal device, which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed;

an accessing process for accessing said distribution information stored in a content server, based on said access information included in said received distribution request from the one terminal device, and to receive the distribution information accessed; and

a transmitting process for transmitting said received distribution information to said one destination terminal device and the specified other terminal devices.

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20. (Currently Amended) An information distribution program product stored on a computer readable medium and executed by a terminal device belonging to a group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices which are connected via a network using an IP protocol ~~to~~ and information distribution device connected to a content server storing distribution information via the network, comprising:

a registering process for registering, via said network, terminal information including an IP address of each terminal device belonging to said group, in said information distribution device;

a transmitting process for transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including a Uniform Resource Locator as access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing the distribution information stored in the content server, said distribution destination information specifying IP addresses of other terminal devices which belong to said group and to which the distribution information is to be distributed; and

a receiving process for receiving from the information distribution device, the distribution information which is stored in the content server and which is accessed based on the access information and transmitted to the other terminal devices according to the distribution destination information from the information distribution devices.